

papers for libels practically identical with the one now in question.

For the defence, it was shown that the allegation complained of had all been made at the shareholders' meeting, except the suggestion about the *Wongwong* which was made by Mr. George. Two of the shareholders who had spoken were called, but they all declined now to substantiate the charges they had made, and it presently came out that those charges were entirely founded upon an anonymous leaflet distributed among the shareholders just before the meeting. On the origin of this document no light whatever was thrown.

"Everything will depend on the Judge," Mr. Willey had more than once assured his client before the trial. Now, during the cross-examination of Mr. Lamkin, Mr. Justice Littlejohn had, by his manner and observations, encouraged the defendants to believe that he had formed a very poor opinion of the plaintiff and his wrongs. Before the end of the case, however, his lenient attitude was observed to undergo a marked change. In re-examining the plaintiff, Mr. Teasle, Q.C., took occasion to hand up to the Bench a copy of the *Pedlington Advertiser*, ostensibly for the purpose of calling attention to something in the report of the meeting. He directed the Judge's attention to a passage which was marked; but on his lordship observing that he could not see what the passage had to do with the case, it was discovered that the copy handed up was the issue of April 10, instead of that of April 24, which contained the report. Noticing this incident, Mr. Willey presently obtained the name of the printer, where he found a paragraph headed "A Skinflint Baronet," and commenting in most offensive terms on the conduct of a certain Sir Roger Rusestem, a neighbouring landowner, towards his tenants. Mr. Willey handed the paper to his leading counsel.

"By Jove, Teasle! this is too bad," said Sir George, *softly*, to his learned friend, who, however, affected not to hear.

"Why, what is the meaning of it?" asked Mr. Willey.

"Don't you see? Sir Roger Rusestem is Littlejohn's brother-in-law," replied Sir George. "I expect we shall have to pay for this."

Whether or not Sir George was right, the "Skinflint Baronet" re-appeared when the Judge came to sum up. His lordship's remarks were throughout decidedly favourable to the plaintiff. He had already ruled, after a learned argument, that the defence of privilege failed to apply to a company meeting. He now pointed out to the jury that the defendants had not even attempted to justify the suggestion that the plaintiff was the same as the secretary of the *Wongwong* Company, and that they had practically given no evidence of any fraud in regard to the refreshment contractor's lease. There appeared to have been some irregularity in the management of this company, he said, for which the plaintiff might or might not be responsible; but that was no answer to the other charges and insinuations against the plaintiff, which were altogether unsubstantiated. Then his lordship turned to Sir George Gimblett's argument, that the defendants had acted in good faith in the discharge of a public duty. On this point, he said, it was more material to consider what class of paper they relied upon for their statements, and then he took up the *Pedlington Advertiser*, and read "The Skinflint Baronet" as an example of the sort of "stuff" which the defendants considered themselves justified in reproducing. If he then continued, the jury thought that a respectable newspaper would insert such remarks upon a well-known and much esteemed baronet, then this *Pedlington Advertiser* was a respectable paper. But if, after what he had read, they considered the paper to be a mischievous, scandal-mongering publication, whose statements the *Daily Driver* had recklessly adopted, then the conduct of the defendants would deserve to be visited, not indeed with vindictive, but still with substantial and exemplary damages &c.

All which the jury accepted with the best possible faith. When they came to consider their verdict, they did not even retire from the box, but after a little juggling with a sheet of paper and some figures, they found a verdict in favour of the plaintiff, with £500 damages.

In due course the damages were paid over, and the little bills of the solicitors on either side were tussled and settled. In the course of the latter business Mr. Smallpage had occasion, two or three weeks after the trial, to see Mr. Willey once more.

"By-the-by," said the solicitor, as they were parting, "I heard a funny story this morning. Our action has led to another. You remember the article, 'A Skinflint Baronet,' which was read at the trial?"

"Well, it seems that Sir Roger Rusestem had not heard of it up to that time; but his attention being called to it, either by the report of our trial or by word of Littlejohn himself, he has commenced an action for libel against the *Pedlington Advertiser*."

"Rather waste of powder, isn't it?" said Mr. Smallpage.

"Well, Sir Roger could not overlook such an article. He does not want money, of course; but if he did, I am not so sure but what he might get it."

"Why, Lamkin said at the trial that his judgment against the *Advertiser* was unsatisfactory. I know; but there is something very queer about the conduct of the *Pedlington Advertiser* all through our case. I have been talking about it to Mr. George, who is acting as Sir Roger Rusestem's solicitor. It seems that Lamkin never attempted to issue execution on his judgment, although the paper has been going on regularly ever since, and George swears that the *Advertiser* must have been squandered."

"If so, I hope Rusestem will punish the rascal," replied Mr. Smallpage, who already felt sufficiently indignant at the way he had been treated by his *Pedlington* contemporary.

It turned out that Mr. George's conjecture was not so very far wide of the mark. The action brought by Sir Roger Rusestem had not proceeded very far before Mr. Willey received a communication from Mr. George, requesting him to attend, if possible, at that gentleman's office on the following morning and bring Mr. Smallpage with him. The note promised some interesting information concerning the late action of Lamkin v. Smallpage, and at the appointed hour both Mr. Smallpage and his solicitor presented themselves at Mr. George's office.

"I am very busy," said Mr. George; "but it will not take long to tell what I have to say. You may prepare yourselves for a pleasant surprise. I had a visit yesterday from your friend Mr. Grainger. The *Pedlington Advertiser* is no more. Our action has squandered it, and Grainger came here to warn me that it was no use going on, and to make the best terms he could for himself. In so doing he has disclosed the history of the action of Lamkin against the *Daily Driver*. To begin with, Grainger was on the proprietor of the *Advertiser* at all—not even interested in it."

"Then who the dickens was?" inquired Mr. Willey.

"Mr. Thomas Lamkin."

"Lamkin!" gasped Mr. Smallpage. "Why, what could Lamkin—"

"By Jove, I see it all!" exclaimed Mr. Willey. "Lamkin concocted the libel for the purpose of bringing an action on it."

"That's it," replied Mr. George. "Lamkin purchased the *Pedlington Advertiser* less than a year ago for £50, paying £12 in cash and giving bills for the balance. All of which have been dishonoured. Lamkin circulated the statement among the shareholders of the *Pier Company* which was referred to at the trial, and which led to the charges against him being made at the meeting. Lamkin wrote the article on the meeting in the *Advertiser*. Lamkin was the anonymous 'Shareholder' who sent the paper to the editor of the *Daily Driver*, and to the various provincial papers against which he has commenced actions, and which, I may remark, have all thrown up the sponge and paid him heavy damages since the result of your case."

"He has robbed us alone of nearly a thousand pounds! But he shall pay for it yet. Where is he?"

"Ah! I regret to add," said Mr. George, that, finding our action would expose the whole swindle, he has gone abroad to spend his winnings and reflect on the beauties of the law of libel!"—*Truth*.

BUYING TREATY PRIVILEGES FROM CHINA.

We have to-day what purports to be a synopsis of the new treaty negotiated with the Chinese Minister at Washington, but not yet signed by the President. The information in relation to its contents comes apparently from the counsel of the Chinese Minister, who has discovered that men can be hired in this country to espouse any cause, no matter how inimical to its general interests. Our people are impatient and anxious to find any solution of the Chinese question that is possible, without reference to any principle of justice. There is a no-principle policy provided above the Act of Congress, or vice versa, provided the prime object held in view is accomplished—namely, the prohibition of the return of all coolies who may leave this country, no matter upon what errand bent, and the admission of no more fresh ones.

That may be said to be the Chinese question in *nude*, and any variation from that line of proceeding can have no other effect but to prolong and intensify a problem which, if not satisfactorily disposed of, will in the end produce an upheaval not second to any found in the history of the United States. Neither will anything that is proposed to be done here stand up to the moment from the partisan standpoint. There is another fact also to be taken into consideration, namely, that the only troubles with which we are confronted in this part of the United States have been the fruit of short-sighted international compacts. The whole country has been made to suffer more than once by the incapacity and complaisance of our diplomatists. The Pacific Coast, because new international questions have grown out of its settlement and occupation by Americans, is bearing the heavy load of an entirely new crop of treaty blunders. There will, therefore, be a very close scrutiny of anything new that may be proposed in this line.

The new Chinese Treaty extends the period of the restriction of the immigration of Chinese laborers for twenty years after the expiration of the present Restriction Act. It allows two classes of laborers who are now in this country to go to China and return—namely, those who are worth \$1,000, but whether in real or personal property, or only in the former, is not stated; and those who are married and have children here. The other provision of the treaty relates to Chinese other than laborers, who appear to have the right to enter the United States pretty much on the same terms as at present, except that they are to be subject to the same restrictions as to the privilege of acquiring property in this country, who occupy an inferior position in Chinese social structure. The existing treaty admits in addition teachers, students and travelers, on the certificate of their Government. In consideration of these concessions graciously made by Chang Yen Hoon, our Government is to pay for all the losses alleged to have been suffered by the Chinese in this country, which losses, it is confidently stated, will not exceed \$300,000 in all.

That any relief can be expected from this treaty, if it is correctly reported, is a matter of very grave doubt. The present resident population of the United States is pretty nearly exhausted. Such reductions have been made in the alleged total number of these mythical persons that the end of the procession is not far off. Furthermore, the list made out in the Chinese Consulate, upon which the Federal Courts have been leaning with such unquestioning trustfulness, it is now becoming apparent, as every one outside the atmosphere of these tribunals long suspected, was cooked for the purpose. The effect of the new treaty will be to substitute for the effete present residents, who are so rapidly running down, another endless ribbon of \$1,000 and married Chinamen, who will go out to Hongkong, and whose places in 90 per cent. out of all the cases, will be taken on the return trip by fresh coolies. The Chinese in this city, equal in number to one-half of our male adults, own real property to the amount of \$378,535 out of a total of \$191,594,054, and \$334,720 personal property out of a total of \$59,687,419. They own a great deal more personal property, but it is carefully concealed to escape taxation.

But there is baser enough in personal property, if included for expansion under the affidavit of the Chinese Consulate which will endow, hypothetically, every coolie whose time is up with \$1,000, so that a new person may take his place at Hongkong and return in his stead to this country. The other qualification—that is to say, that the coolie has a wife, and that uxorial relation shall entitle him to go and come at will, would end in establishing that every coolie in Chinatown has entered the blessed state of matrimony, though it is notorious that there is not one woman to the hundred men in that malevolent colony. The husband, who is said to be the most numerous among the Chinese in San Francisco. If there was any notion of real limitation in this connection there would have been a definition as to which wife should be regarded as conferring this privilege of international junketing, for the Chinese, when he can afford it, does not restrict himself to one.

Finally, and as the ultimate analysis, our Government is to pay \$300,000 for permission to regulate its internal affairs in the way above set forth. It was predicted by those who have a knowledge of Chinese history and Chinese methods, that if Congress allowed the \$400,000 which was claimed for the Rock Springs outrage, all trouble on the score of the surplus might be laid aside. The Chinese officials in this country tasted blood on that occasion, and they are now going for more. If any of that money found its way to the real sufferers, it was because these Chinese officials, on the voyage across the Pacific, experienced a regeneration of heart, phenomenal and unprecedented in its character. They want now \$300,000 more, which, as in the former case, is not to be sent to China, but is to be disbursed in this country. The \$400,000 which was claimed for the Rock Springs outrage, all trouble on the score of the surplus might be laid aside. 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Hongkong, and March, 1888

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 1888.

The Honorable the Surveyor General

should be interviewed, or rather inter-

rogated in the Legislative Council as to the

meaning of his "little game" at Causeway

Bay. Mr. PRICK undertook this reclamation

scheme—which was urged on the com-

munity by Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON, aided

by the supineness, or stupidity, or

Heaven knows what of feeble-minded Mr.

Administrator MARSH—with a light heart

some six years ago; it was to be completed,

and with a flourishing township erected on

the site of the dismal swamp in a very short

period of time. The swamp is still there,

and it extends at low water about two

hundred yards in front of the greatly

vaunted reclamation, but there are no

signs of the township, nor of the eighty

thousand shakels of silver which the far-

seeing Surveyor General told the Legisla-

tive Council would be forthcoming from

rent and taxes of houses that have yet to be

built, to pay the whole cost of the reclama-

tion. We hope we are not inordinately

prejudiced unbelievers, but somehow or

our recent experiences have greatly

shaken the faith we once so confidently

reposed in the ability, skill, and good faith

of the enterprising official who has spent

so much of the colony's money in so-called

improvements and other things which,

whatever they may be called, are not

improvements in any sense. With all due

humility, we would venture to suggest to

the unofficial members of the Legislative

Council that the Surveyor General's

Causeway Bay reclamation scheme is

exactly what we predicted it would be

at the time it was forced through the

Council by the influence of the late head

of the "princely house"—a gigantic piece of

bounce and humbug. It was reported some

months ago that the scheme we proposed

in 1883 had been adopted by the Surveyor

General and placed before the Govern-

ment, with a strong recommendation that

it should be carried out, but up to the

present time a hardup Treasury has

prevented active measures being taken.

This looks very much like an attempt on

the part of the talented Mr. PRICK to wriggle

out of the responsibility he undoubtedly

incurred in advising the reclamation which

has proved so expensive and such a

wretched abortion. The Surveyor General

has told us that there is every reason to

believe the Taitam water supply will be

available next November; from such a

master of sophistry this promise may mean

anything or nothing, but we must confess

to feeling sceptical on the point. However,

as official information, even when Mr. J. M.

PRICK is the mouthpiece of the Government,

is always of some interest, the honourable

gentleman should be publicly asked when,

in his opinion, the Causeway Bay Reclama-

tion, with its flourishing township, etc., is

likely to become an accomplished fact. The

honourable the unofficial member for

JADINA's is the proper person to "bell the

cat" on this occasion.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We are requested to mention that the Organ

rectal previously fixed for the 11th inst. will

come off on Wednesday, the 25th inst., at 9 p.m.

The American mail steamer *San Pablo*, which

we believe did not leave Yokohama until the

14th inst., is expected here at daylight to-

morrow.

A REGULAR meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 1026, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Wednesday, the 25th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THE few ex-Colonels alleged to have been implicated in the assassination of the late Governor of Portuguese Timor are still dragging on their weary existence in the Macao gao, without trial, conviction or sentence. This is very creditable to the Holy City's degree of civilisation.

SENATOR Vest was describing in the Chamber the limited means of the Post-office in Kansas city and remarked: "Why, Mr. President, I have seen waiting at the delivery window a line of ladies half a mile long." Senator Vance rose and said: "Mr. President, I wish to inquire if that is the usual length of women in Missouri?"

THE following is one of the oldest "cures for a cold" on record. It dates back to 1430:

Put your feet in hot water
As high as your thighs
Wipe your head up in flannel
As low as your eyes
Take a quart of rye meal
When in bed as a pillow
With a number four dippe
Well follow your nose.

"PAPA, what is a conflagration?" "It is a big fire, my son." "And what do they call a little fire?" "There is no special name for a little fire. Oh, they sometimes call it an incipient fire, and—let's see—well, it is sometimes called an incipient fire." "Why?" "Well, I see your coat-tail is on fire, and I was wondering whether it was a conflagration or an incipient fire." In a few minutes the young man had reason to think it was a conflagration.

ACCORDING to home papers, a valuable gold mine has been discovered on the shore of Dunmanus Bay, near Cork, by an English gentleman, who picked up there a piece of quartz which yielded on assay gold at the rate of 53 oz. to the ton. Scientific investigations have, it is said, resulted in the discovery of a supposed auriferous lode a mile and a quarter long by six feet. Should the analysis of further specimens sent to London prove favourable, mining operations will be commenced without delay.

A NEW departure in shipbuilding, as regards small craft is presented by the *Nyassa* steam canoe, a pretty little boat which has been built for the Universities African Mission Society, by Messrs. Simpson and Strickland, of Dartmouth, to the order of Mr. S. H. Terry, consulting engineer to the society. The *Nyassa*, which is intended for service on the lake of that name, is constructed entirely of delta metal, and for convenience of transport she has been built in three sections. She is 21 feet long, with a beam of 7 feet and a depth of 3 feet, and draws 16 in. of water with her engine and boiler on board. The fore and aft compartments are provided with air-tight bulkheads, and a triangular centre-board is carried in a casing in the forward part of the middle compartment. There is an opening in her deck amidships 6 ft. 6 in. in length by 4 ft. wide, fitted with a covering 6 in. high, with a delta and teak gunwale. There are no bulwarks, but the nautical deck is covered with teak. She carries two masts, the mainmast having a copper lightning-conductor. Under steam she is driven by a three-bladed screw propeller. She is fitted with a jury rudder-post, between which and the stern-post her screw propeller is placed. When required for sailing only, the propeller and shaft can be removed with the rudder-post, and the rudder can be attached directly to the stern-post. The *Nyassa* was recently tried at Dartmouth with seven persons on board. With steam at full pressure she made seven miles an hour, and with her sails and wind abeam six miles an hour, dragging her screw, the boat proving very handy. The boiler furnace is adapted for burning wood and other similar fuel found in tropical countries.

THE *Macao Independents* is dependent over the project lately set on foot at the Holy City for the establishment of a commercial exhibition of Portuguese agricultural and industrial products as an inducement to bring them within reach of the importers and merchants of the Far East. We have already alluded to the childish inconsistencies of that project, and pointed out that Portuguese agricultural products, limited as they are, and of not a very commendable quality, would never be in demand in this part of the world. The organ of *Macao* faculty and light-mindedness now confesses the utter unfeasibility of the project in the following strain:—"Our pleasant anticipations were short-lived, because at the very first session of the committee appointed to study the project, a general despondency was noticed in the gentlemen present, who clearly, though reluctantly, expressed their conviction that nothing could be done. In truth, there could have been few persons of so undaunted and optimistic dispositions who should not have viewed with a certain fright the obstacles which have arisen against the realization of the project; but it would appear to us that want of confidence in the profusion of the committee's labours could not have been a sufficient motive to have nipped the undertaking in the bud. All had agreed that the question at issue was a conquest worthy of heroes and of fame. How is it then that it has been given up without a single effort having been made towards victory?" The *Macao* *Independents* then goes on pointing out the many advantages of the exhibition, and in plaintive tones it utters its rallying cry to all the members of the despondent committee calling them to labour in the cause of patriotism and national exaltation. It is to be hoped that the great distress now imposed by the *Macao* leader of tomfoolery will be promptly responded to, and that foreign merchants will flock to the Holy City to purchase Portuguese agricultural products to freight their ships with and supply the wants of the world. There is still one thing needed: such a happy consummation may take place, and that is, that the *Macao* rag should try an English edition, for which we would promptly recommend the services of our evening contemporary, whose sympathies for the Holy City are simply proverbial.

THE P. M. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Sydney*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 31st ulto, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port to-morrow, the 21st inst.

If ever Dr. Hammond should succeed in proving his theory that there is no physiological necessity for death, what a lot of regret it will cause among those who died before the discovery was made!

ALTHOUGH no authentic details have reached us, we believe that the prize difficulties in connection with the late competitions of the Hongkong Rifle Association have been satisfactorily adjusted.

We have found that the longer we run a newspaper and write about people and events, the more we realize how utterly impossible it is to scratch every man on the spot where he itches most.

"My errand here to-night," said a young lawyer to a damsel on whom he had called, "reminds me of the cry of an owl." "Indeed," said the maiden, "what is your errand here to-night?" "Courtship. To-wit, to woo."

LATEST advices from Calcutta inform us that Chariat's Circus is drawing crowded houses in the 'City of Palaces'. Hundreds of people are turned away nightly. The "show" is said to be the best that has ever been seen in the East.

A BODY found in the Seine, at Paris, on the 3rd ulto, has been identified as that of M. Antoine Boulon, manager of a bank and editor of a financial newspaper. He had purchased a forest in Bulgaria, and, expecting to make large profits, had incurred heavy liabilities. Creditors obtained warrants of distraint, which were to be executed immediately. On the 2nd ulto, M. Boulon sent his wife to a party, wrote some letters, and then threw himself into the river.

By kind permission of Colonel Anderson and the officers of the 2nd Northamptonshire Regiment, the Regimental Band will play in the Public Gardens, on Sunday, the 22nd inst., from 3.30 till 5 p.m. The following will be the programme:

March: "Achilles" Newton.
Overture: "Golden Rule" H. J. Rogers.
Fantasia: "Evening" H. J. Rogers.
Valse: "The Premier Thunberg" Waldteufel.
Selection: "Mosses in Egypt" Rossini.
Valse: "Venetian Gondola" Caroline Lottman.
Hymn: "The Lord's Prayer" Bandmaster.

SAYS *Truth*:—"The 'Silver Wedding' celebration has been a dismal failure. Excepting a few zealous loaf-eaters and a distracted crowd of cackling snobs, there has been no inclination to present gifts to Marlborough House, and throughout the country the anniversary has been simply ignored, and, when mentioned, has only been ridiculed. The Jubilee was quite a sufficient Royal anniversary to suffice for the next half-century. No doubt, unless some other Royal dies, the donors of presents will be rewarded (in accordance with their expectations) by cards to a Marlborough House garden party in the course of next summer."

TSANG ASAM, aged 37, a grass cutter, was this morning charged at the Police Court, Mr. H. E. Wedderburn presiding, by a single woman named Chung Yung kwi with indecently assaulting her on the 19th inst. Complainant said she resided near No. 1 Police Station, at Wanchai. Yesterday at 10 a.m., while employed cutting grass near Typhoon, the defendant was teasing her. He had done so before and so she scolded him, after which he pushed her on the ground and caught hold of her hand and jacket. On her calling out "save life," the prisoner beat her, but when some other girls came to her assistance he ran away. He struck her three times with the iron bar now produced in Court. The prisoner is a grass cutter and they have always cut grass together. In defence the accused said that the complainant claimed his sickle, and on his refusing to give it to her, she scolded him and in the scuffle cut his finger, whereupon he struck her. The Magistrate remanded the case till Thursday the 26th inst., bail being allowed in two sureties of \$25 each.

MACAO newspapers, whenever they think they have an opportunity for launching their virulent attacks against the British nation, do so with a zest and a vagueness which are quite characteristic of ignorant and irresponsible slanderers. The following is a specimen taken from the columns of the *Independents*, of the 10th instant:—"Portugal is a slave of proud Albion, the mother of slave-trade; Albion is the mother of slave-trade because she takes pains to lull to sleep with humanitarian speeches and diplomatic notes; because she nourishes slave-trade in her bosom, protects it, and clothes it in proper garments. There are truths the confession of which tears our bowels out, but we cannot conceal from the whole universe the fact that we are living under the most pronounced and most absorbing of 'universalities'; that our most vital interests are bound to yield to the slightest interest of a British subject; that it is not lawful to export tea from Macao unless through the medium of Hongkong. This colony's development, as well as that of all the others depends upon our political emancipation. Will there be at last the necessary determination to shake off this crushing and shameful yoke?"—Of further specimens of this language we have cut loads in our files, and when we can spare time from other more pressing occupations, we shall take the trouble of translating them for the perusal of the British residents and the Government of this colony. It is hardly necessary to point out that the Portuguese who are constantly emigrating from Macao into this city, and who entirely depend for their employment and means of subsistence, on the British commerce and the British laws that obtain here, should in common gratitude, be the last people on earth to revile the British nation and style Britain the mother of slave-trade. The specimen of gross slander which we have reproduced is mere milk-and-water to the cartloads we have alluded to. It is imperative that the Government of this Colony and the British employers of Portuguese

